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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b></p> <p>Address to: MS 313(c) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	09/980,340-Conf. #1403
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

<p>1. <b>Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</b> Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).</p>	
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	
<p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply      iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Supplementary Partial European Search Report</p>	
<p>2. <b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	
<p>3. <b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p>	

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